Reply.—This road is under improvement. A bridge has been sanctioned. The other culverts will also be attended to.

330. Deepening of some portions of the canal from Karipuzha to Veyapuram and the canal from Arattupuzha backwater to Cheppaud Ela.

This subject was also in the name of *Mr. Sankaran Kochukunju Channar.*

Reply.—Some work was recently done on the first canal. Further work is deemed unnecessary. The other canal mentioned is unimportant.

331. Conversion into money of the paddy tax on lands attached to the Aranazhika Nelpura.

This was another of *Mr. Sankaran Kochukunju Channar's* representations.

Reply.—The proposal is not feasible. These Nelpura lands have not been brought under the new scheme.

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332. Sanction of funds for repairing the existing irrigation tanks and canals and for providing new ones.

Mr. R. Narayana Iyer (Kottarakara) said that unlike Nanjanad, there were no facilities for agriculture in Kottarakara and that the benefit of the remission rules was not allowed to the ryots in times of failure of crops. He, therefore, requested that funds might be sanctioned for improving the existing irrigation tanks and channels as also for providing new ones in places where they were urgently required.

Reply.—This has been already answered. *Vide* subject No. 130.

333. Recent alteration of the assessment rates on garden lands at Kottarakara.

Mr. R. Narayana Iyer represented that the soil of the dry lands in the taluk was very poor and, as such, the registering officers who visited them included them mostly under the 12th and 13th *tarams.* By a recent order, however, the rates were altered and the 10th and the 11th *tarams* fixed in lieu of them. In this matter, the Settlement Peishkar made his recommendation without inspecting the lands and

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